

REMARKS

5 The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of an invention for prosecution on the merits from the following inventions groups of species of the claimed invention:

Group I: Product, class 257, subclass 84.

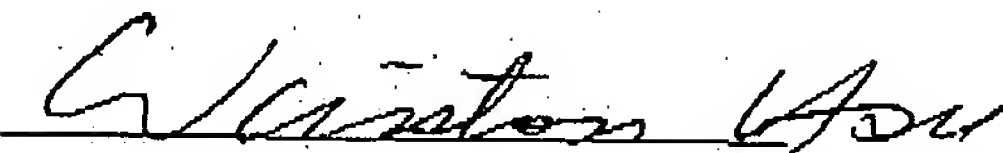
Group II: Method, class 438, subclass 22.

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Response:

15 The applicants elect Group I for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected Species are claims 14-22. Group II: Claims 1-13 is hereby withdrawn from prosecution. Consideration of the elected Species is politely requested.

20 Sincerely,



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